

REMARKS

In complete response to the outstanding Official Action of November 27, 2007, on the above-identified application, reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claims 13, 14, 19, 20, and 23 remain in this application. Claims 11-12, 15-18, 21, and 22 have been cancelled without prejudice.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that claim 23 is free of the prior art. Applicants also gratefully acknowledge the indication that claims 13, 14, 19, and 20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 13 and 19 are currently so amended.

CONCLUSION

In view of the current amendments, the present application now stands in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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